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3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

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☐ None of the figures.

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Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)

An apparatus according to the present invention includes a support structure (12) having a primary portion (14) with first and second arm portions (24, 26) formed thereon for movement relative to one another, and a secondary portion (28, 32) with either a clamp portion (30, 34) or valve portion integrally formed on an outer end of each arm portion for movement therewith. A primary actuator (16) is operably associated with the primary support structure for driving the arm portions relative to one another in response to an electrical activation of the primary actuator. Secondary actuators (46, 52) are operably associated with the secondary portions for independently driving the secondary portions between an opened position and a closed position in response to an electrical activation of each secondary actuator. Each of the actuators is operable independently of one another. The apparatus is operable to provide a bi-directional motor, a bi-directional pump, or a bi-directional compressor depending on the selected configuration and sequential mode of triggering the primary and secondary actuators.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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